

CLAIMS:

1. A method of providing a selection list of content items the method comprising the steps of:

receiving (201) a plurality of content items from at least one content source; determining (203) a content item duration indication for each of the plurality

5 of content items;

determining (209) an ordered content item list by ordering the plurality of content items in response to the content item duration indication of each content item; and presenting (213) the ordered content item list as the selection list to a user.

10 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content item duration indication is determined in response to a total duration of each content item.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content item duration indication is determined in response to a remaining duration of each content item.

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4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content item duration indication is determined in response to a remaining duration of each content item relative to a total duration of each content item.

20 5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the content item duration indication comprises an indication of a fraction of a remaining duration of each content item with respect to the total duration of each content item.

6. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content item duration indication is determined in response to a received duration of each content item.

25 7. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content item duration indication is determined in response to a presented duration of each content item relative to a total duration of each content item.

8. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the content item duration indication comprises an indication of a fraction of a presented duration of each content item with respect to the total duration of each content item.

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9. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
determining (205) a second content item duration indication for each of the plurality of content items; the second content item duration indication being different from the content item duration indication;

10 and wherein the step of determining an ordered content item list comprises ordering (209, 211) the plurality of content items in response to the content item duration indication of each content item or in response to the second content item duration indication of each content item in response to a user preference.

15 10. A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the user preference is determined in response to a user input.

11. A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein a single user activation causes the user preference to switch between being associated with the content item duration indication
20 and being associated with the second content item duration indication.

12. A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of determining the user preference in response to at least one previous user preference input.

25 13. A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the steps of:
determining (207) a preferred user preference for different operating conditions;
determining a current operating condition; and
setting the user preference as the preferred user preference for the current
30 operating condition.

14. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the current operating condition is determined in response to at least one of the following characteristics:

a. a time characteristic

- b. a content source characteristic; and
- c. a content item content characteristic.

15. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of content items

5 includes at least one content item from the group of

- a. video sources;
- b. video clips;
- c. audio sources;
- d. audio clips;
- 10 e. multimedia sources; and
- f. multimedia clips.

16. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of content items is received from a plurality of content sources.

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17. A computer program enabling a method to be carried out according to any one of the preceding claims.

18. An apparatus (101) for providing a selection list of content items the apparatus
20 comprising:

a content receiver (103) for receiving a plurality of content items from at least one content source;

a duration processor (111) for determining a content item duration indication for each of the plurality of content items;

25 a content item list processor (113) for determining an ordered content item list by ordering the plurality of content items in response to the content item duration indication of each content item; and

a user interface (107) for presenting the ordered content item list as the selection list to a user.

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